

Central Intelligence Agency



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The Honorable Andy Jacobs, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 16 November 1983 to Mr. William J. Casey, and its enclosure from one of your constituents, who is concerned about the contents of a radio news commentary.

It is the policy of this Agency not to comment on foreign intelligence collection operations or plans. Intelligence relationships with foreign governments are especially sensitive. As you know, the Director of Central Intelligence has a statutory obligation to protect intelligence sources and methods.

For this Agency to comment on certain activities and deny comment on other activities, even though those activities may be deniable, would establish a security-damaging precedent. As a result, we neither confirm nor deny activities of the type described by your constituent when responding to public queries.

Sincerely,

/s/ Clair E. George

Clair E. George
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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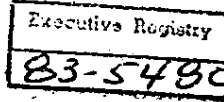
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Andy Jacobs

November 16, 1983

Mr. William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Enclosed is a photocopy of
a constituent's letter. I was
wondering if you would be good
enough to comment on it.

Thank you for your kind
attention.

Sincerely,

ANDY JACOBS, JR.

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